

# PROSPER, TOWN OF (TX) invites applications for the position of:

# Firefighter/Paramedic

**SALARY:** \$17.37 /Hour

**OPENING DATE:** 05/09/16

CLOSING DATE: 05/20/16 05:00

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# **DEFINITION:**

Performs a variety of highly technical and specialized tasks involving and/or related to fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous materials incidents, fire prevention, fire inspections, administration, and other special assignments as required. Supervises and controls emergency medical scenes until relieved by a higher ranking officer. Performs other duties as assigned.

The following duties are typical of this classification and are intended only to describe the various types of work that may be performed, the level of technical complexity of the assignment(s), and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties. The omission of a specific duty statement does not exclude it from the position if the work is consistent with the concept of the classification, or is similar or closely related to another duty statement to address business needs and changing business practices.

#### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

#### **Essential Job Functions:**

- Responds to emergency and non-emergency calls for service.
- Administers first aid and emergency medical care to injured/ill persons consistent with the level authorized by Paramedic certification, established medical protocols, and standard operating procedures.
- Secures safety of the incident scene.
- Determines medical status and priority of medical treatment.
- Stabilizes and immobilizes patients and prescribes a mode of transportation to emergency medical care facilities based on condition of patients.
- Follows established universal health precautions in the treatment and care of patients.
- Inspects, tests, cleans and maintains station facilities, grounds, equipment, and apparatus.
- Conducts pre-fire inspections of businesses.
- Participates in daily training exercises and instruction to increase performance.
- Responds to requests and inquiries from the general public, other Department personnel, and other Town Departments.
- Works shift schedules including weekends, holidays and extended hours in emergency, disaster, or other situations influenced by heavy workloads or other staffing difficulties.
- Participates on department committees and attends meetings as required.
- Conducts public education activities.
- Must learn streets and routes within the Town and surrounding areas to include the location of medical facilities to ensure expeditious response times.
- Attend scheduled training necessary to maintain Paramedic certification and minimum continuing education credit as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services and/or Medical Control Physician.

Regular and consistent attendance for the assigned work hours is essential.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

#### Required Knowledge and Skills:

- Knowledge of emergency medical services.
- Knowledge of ambulance operation principles and practices.
- Knowledge of fire prevention, suppression, and education methods, practices and procedures for a variety of fire, hazardous materials responses, emergency management systems and rescue operations.
- Knowledge and skill associated with operating specialized communication equipment.
- Proficiency in the use of computers and related hardware and software for development and maintenance of safety and health inspections, annual reviews, and other documentation.
- Knowledge of safe work practices and procedures.
- Knowledge of pertinent Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment and rational thinking under stressful and/or dangerous circumstances.
- Ability to evaluate various options and alternatives and choose an appropriate and reasonable course of action.
- Skill in effective oral and written communications.

#### Required Education, Experience and Certifications:

- High School graduation or equivalent, preferably supplemented by college level courses in Fire Science.
- Current on all TDSHS requirements for paramedic certification.
- Current on all TCFP requirements for all required certifications.
- Successful completion of all medical control requirements to perform as a Paramedic with the Prosper Fire Department.
- Must be eligible to hold a valid Texas Class B Exempt driver's license and obtain that license
  within six (6) months of employment.
- Must maintain a satisfactory rating on annual performance evaluation reports.
- Must possess the following certifications (by application deadline)
- 1. Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Basic Firefighter
- 2. Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) Paramedic

# **ADDITIONAL DETAILS:**

### **Environmental Factors and Conditions/Physical Requirements:**

- Work is performed in office and field environments.
- May be subject to repetitive motion such as typing, data entry, and vision to monitor.
- May be subject to exposure to extreme temperatures, extreme weather conditions, hazardous chemicals, toxic fumes, unstable buildings and structures, infectious diseases, body fluids, air and water borne pathogens.
- May be subject to wearing full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus for extended periods of time.
- May be subject to extended periods of bending, reaching, kneeling, climbing and standing on ladders and lifts, walking over unstable surfaces and terrain, lifting and carrying up to 70 pounds unassisted, dragging up to 160 pounds unassisted, and handling and operating high pressure water hoses.
- May be exposed to hostile, angry or emotional citizens, patients and business owners.

# **Equipment and Tools Utilized**

- Equipment utilized includes standard office equipment, including but not limited to personal computers, copiers, calculators, and fax machines.
- Operates specialized rescue and emergency medical response equipment including but not limited to two-way radio equipment, intubation and IV equipment, Lifepak 12 heart monitor/defibrillators and Department vehicles.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: http://www.prospertx.gov

Position #FD08-FT-05092016 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

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